



HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, April 28, 2004

City Hall Council Chambers
313 Court Streets
The Dalles, OR 97058
Conducted in a handicap accessible room.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Eric Gleason called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Eric Gleason, Bob McNary and
Dixie Parker

The following Commissioners were absent: Anita Clason, Daniel Dundon

Staff present: Dawn Hert, Historic Landmarks Secretary
Denise Ball, Administrative Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Annual Report on the City Park by Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District will be presented in the Public Comment portion of the meeting. McNary moved that the agenda be approved as submitted. Parker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously, Clason and Dundon absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gleason asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of March 24, 2004. Parker moved to approve the minutes as submitted and McNary seconded. The motion carried unanimously, Clason and Dundon absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Karl Cozad, Director of Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District presented his Annual Report. Cozad asked for questions.

McNary pointed out that the trees at Amaton field do not have the same problems as the trees at City Park and he feels they have a better pruning and watering system.

Cozad and the Commission briefly discussed possible uses for Booth House.

PUBLIC HEARING - Historic Landmarks Commission Application #84-04 of The Dalles Art Association to landscape around the Art Center to create a more interesting and inviting environment

for the public. A low wall with wrought iron fencing will be built to remove the slope. Drought tolerant plants and native plants will be utilized to reduce the time and cost of maintenance.

Gleason read the rules for conducting a public hearing. He asked if any Commissioner had ex-parte contact, bias, or a conflict of interest.

Parker said she is member of the Board for the Art Association but did not feel it would bias her decision during this hearing.

Gleason opened the public hearing and asked for the Staff Report.

Hert presented the Staff Report. Hert asked if there were any questions.

McNary asked about the retaining wall and Hert said the applicant would be able to explain. Gleason opened the hearing to proponent testimony.

Proponent Testimony:

Carolyn Wright, applicant for The Dalles Art Association, described the proposed two-foot wall with wrought iron fencing. No design has been selected at this time. This item is addresses as a condition of approval. Wright said the Board is leaning towards a concrete wall instead of a dry stack wall.

Gleason asked what the landscaping looked like historically and Hert said the inventory page mentioned trees and grass. Wright said it really never had any planned landscaping.

McNary said he did not feel a concrete wall would be historically correct. The Commission, Staff and applicant briefly discussed the proposed wall.

Wright said this project would be done in phases.

Opponent Testimony: None

Gleason closed the public testimony portion of the hearing.

Deliberation:

McNary said he questions why the Historic Landmarks Commission is involved in the decision regarding the landscaping.

Parker said Hert stated that the Commission is involved because the Historic inventory page refers to landscaping at this site.

Gleason said he feels the goal for the Commission is to make sure the landscaping doesn't overwhelm the building.

McNary said he would like Staff to approve the wall and fencing unless there are major changes.

Parker moved to approve HLC 84-04 of The Dalles Art Association landscaping plan based upon findings of fact and conclusions of law with conditions of approval as stated in the Staff Report. McNary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Dundon and Clason absent.

RESOLUTION – McNary moved to adopt Resolution 80-04 approving HLC 84-04 and Parker seconded. The motion carried unanimously with Dundon and Clason absent.

COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS

Hert apologized for not having the plaque language completed. Hert said she would get that completed and mail to the Commissioners before submitting and the Commission agreed that would be fine.

Gleason said the Booth House should be used for something. Hert thought it might make a good Visitor Center but wasn't sure where it could be moved. McNary asked what needs to be done to the building and Gleason said the lead paint has to be removed. Gleason said the paint is easily removed, just expensive.

The Commission and Staff discussed the gardener shed for the Pioneer Cemetery. Hert said she is waiting for Sally Donovan to complete her review and make a recommendation. The Commission and Staff discussed getting youth involved, using an Eagle Scout, or volunteer contractor labor, on how to get the shed constructed.

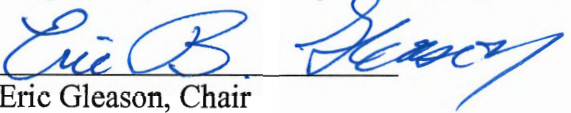
NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2004.

ADJOURNMENT

McNary moved the meeting be adjourned and Parker seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Ball, Administrative Secretary.



Eric Gleason, Chair
Historic Landmark Commission